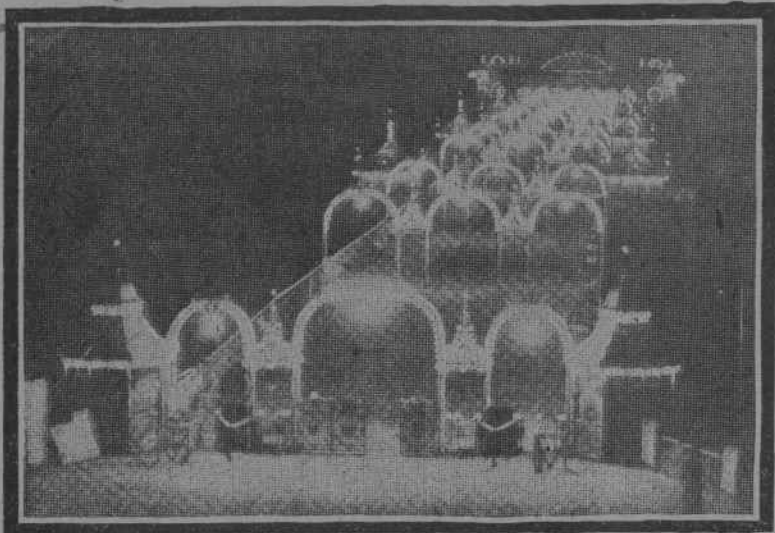


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New Things Strange & Curious

EXCELLENT NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY.



THE great steel pier at Brighton, England, is said to be the most brilliantly illuminated structure by night in the world. It is hard to realize how any public thoroughfare could be lighted more brightly than certain blocks in Broadway or in other American streets. A comparison of these streets by night with the Strand, Piccadilly, and other night thoroughfares in London is interesting to the American. The accompanying photograph of the great new Collis Pier at Brighton would seem to prove that it is, without doubt, the brightest thoroughfare in the world. The arrangement of lights is artistic and effective. The illustration is considered one of the most successful night photographs ever taken.

JAPANESE GODDESS.

OKAME is the name of the dainty little lady who is shown in the accompanying picture, and for centuries she has been regarded as one of the most potent deities who hold sway over Japan. A popular goddess she is, too, and in many legends she plays a prominent part. The figure in the picture is fashioned of a curious Japanese metal, which is a combination of copper, gold and silver. An exquisite piece of workmanship the figure is, so beautiful indeed that more than one European expert has written golden words



in praise of it. Naturally, it took a long time to produce a gem of this kind, but then in Japan the metal workers are not only consummate artists but also wonderfully patient, and for these reasons the work which they do is almost invariably faultless even to the minutest details.

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CURIOUS MOOSE.

WOODSMEN are utterly at a loss to account for the strange antics which moose in the immediate section around Moosehead Lake continue to perform. By nature the moose is alert, wary, ever fleeing at the approach of man, never on the lookout to avoid him; but within the last year or so there have been several notable variations from this general rule. Take, for instance, the case of Molly, the



cow moose who first made her appearance in the vicinity of the camps of the Night Hawk Club, at Sugar Island. When Molly first came she was timid and kept at a respectful distance, but as was, like all of her sex, curious, and in due time this curiosity made her forget her real nature. At the end of two weeks she would feed from the hands of the members and allow herself to be stroked.

When the members broke camp they drove Molly on board the steamer and brought her to Kineo, where she was released. The animal remained on the hotel lawn for several weeks and would doubtless be there yet but for the fact that she fell from a high bunk while feeding and broke her neck on the rocky shores of the lake.

TREES RECORD THE WEATHER.

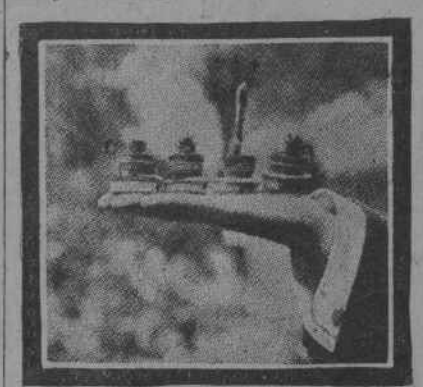
RINGS in trees indicate something more than mere growth, for it has been discovered that they are excellent records of the weather during each year of the tree's life. Some one has declared that trees feel and think, and poets have said that they speak; but this has to do merely with the dumb records shown by any patriarch of the forest. The experiment of J. Keuchler has shown that trees carry on their trunks a record of weather conditions that have prevailed during the successive years of their growth. Several trees, each more than one hundred and thirty years old, were felled, and the order and relative width of the rings of growth on their trunks were found to agree exactly. This fact showed that all the trees had experienced the same stimulation in certain years.

Assuming that the most rapid growth had occurred in the wet years and the least rapid in dry years, it was concluded that out of the 134 years covered by the life of the trees six had been extremely wet, sixty very wet, eighteen wet, seventeen average as to the supply of moisture, nineteen dry, eight very dry and six extremely dry. But when the records of rainfall running back as far as 1840 were consulted, it was found that they did not entirely agree with the record of the trees.

The conclusion was therefore reached that the record of the rings contained more than a mere index of the annual rainfall; that it showed what the character of the seasons had been as to sunshine, temperature, evaporation, regularity or irregularity of the supply of moisture and the like.

LILIPUTIAN CACTI.

Of all the wonderful varieties in both color and shape of plants which grow in all parts of the world nothing is more curious than the cactus plants. For years they have been studied and experimented with by horticulturists until now on the lookout to avoid him; but within the last year or so there have been several notable variations from this general rule. Recently enthusiasts have introduced a novelty in the many curiosities of cacti in the shape of miniature plants, many of them so small that they stand in



tiny flower pots scarcely an inch in height. Any one may hold four or five of these plants in the palm of the hand, as illustrated above.

CAKE WALK GENESIS.

ACCORDING to a foreign journal, the cakewalk is of French origin. "Like football," it says, "which is an old French game, the cake walk was invented in France. At first it was known by another name, and the story goes that in the seventeenth century it was imported to Louisiana by persons whom the Chief of Police had sent to the new colony, thinking it well to rid Paris of them. Captivated by the boisterous dance, the negroes quickly learned and appropriated it and now, after two centuries, they give it back to us with all its crudities removed and various new charms added to it."

HIPPO POSES FOR A PORTRAIT.



ALIFELIKE portrait of a hippopotamus is one of the least attractive studies of physiognomy in the entire animal kingdom. The facial expression is at least dignified, yet the lines of the face, when considered by themselves, are even repulsive. The accompanying photograph shows the face of one of the largest hippopotami in the world. From

having gazed stolidly at millions of spectators and listened to many thousands of uncomplimentary remarks he has gained that expression of sphinxlike calm which dominates his features. The portrait was taken just after the "hippo's" morning toilet, which consisted of a vigorous scrubbing of soap and water, had been completed.

PHARAOH'S CORN FAKE.

SOME time ago there was a wonderful story in the European journals about certain grains of ancient Egyptian corn which had been planted in Germany and had duly come to life. The grains, they said, had been found in an Egyptian sarcophagus and had been planted by a Dresden florist. Some days later the corn appeared above ground, much to the surprise of scientists, who did not suppose that there was any life in grains which were from four to five thousand years old.

The corn, however, was certainly growing, and even the most incredulous among them soon became convinced that grains have a lease of life to which there is practically no limit.

Alas! A boy, employed by the Dresden florist, has now confessed that he planted some ordinary grains in the same place where his master had planted the Egyptian ones and only a few hours after the florist had completed his work. This was sad news for the scientists and for the numerous journalists who had written enthusiastically about the miraculous qualities of the ancient grains. The corn is still growing in the garden of the Dresden florist, but no one now imagines that any of it is of Egyptian origin.

FITCHER PLANT.

ONE of the most remarkable carnivorous vegetables in the world is the pitcher plant of the tropics. It is safe to say at least that no other plant in its kingdom is more ingenious in catching its prey and in disposing of them afterward.



The plant, as will be seen in the accompanying illustration, is shaped very much like a pitcher, with the mouth, of course, at the top. The pitcher is, moreover, perfectly water tight and is usually well filled with rain water. The sides are very smooth and inviting. The plant, thus equipped, lies in wait. If the expression may be used, until some fly or small insect enters or falls into the water compartment. So smooth are the sides that when the prey is once in the water it has great difficulty in getting out, and, as a rule, quickly drowns. The insect is then devoured by the plant.

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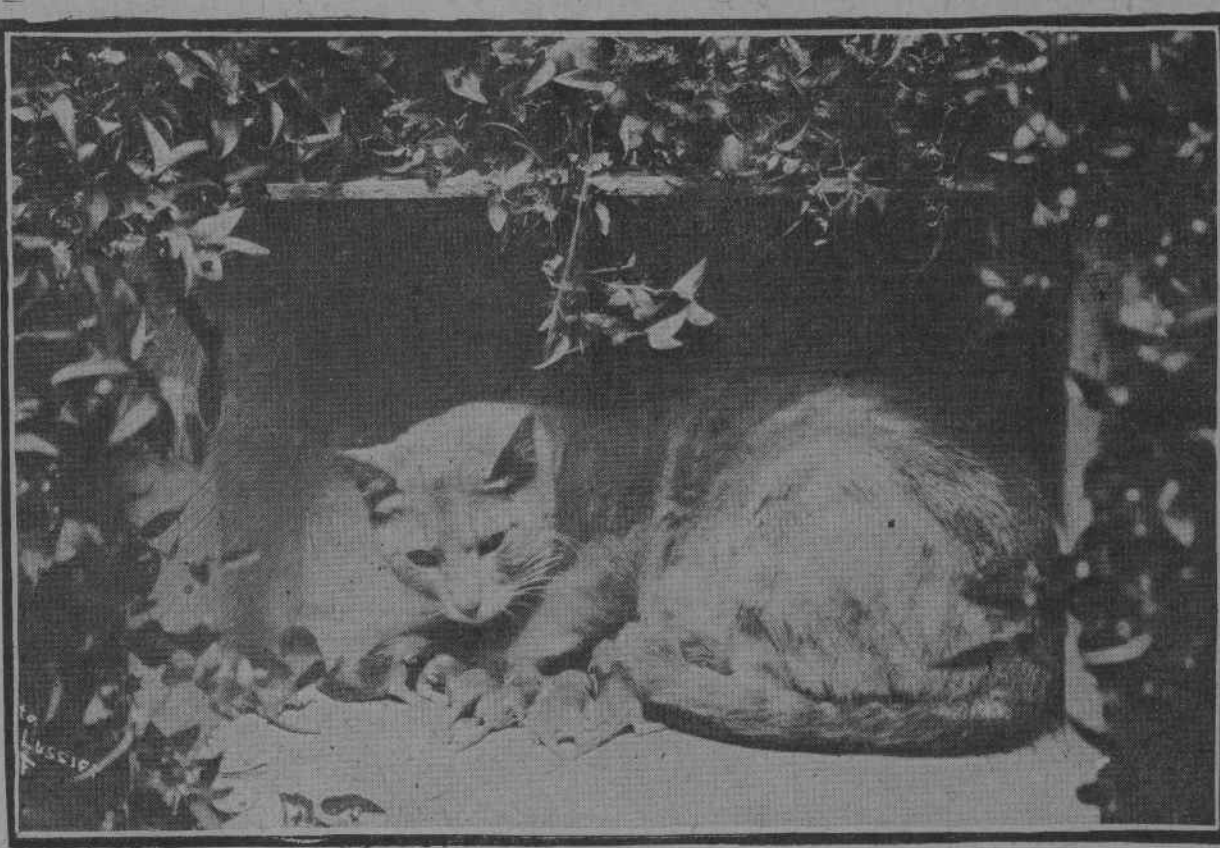
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CAT PLAYING MOTHER TO TEN RATS.

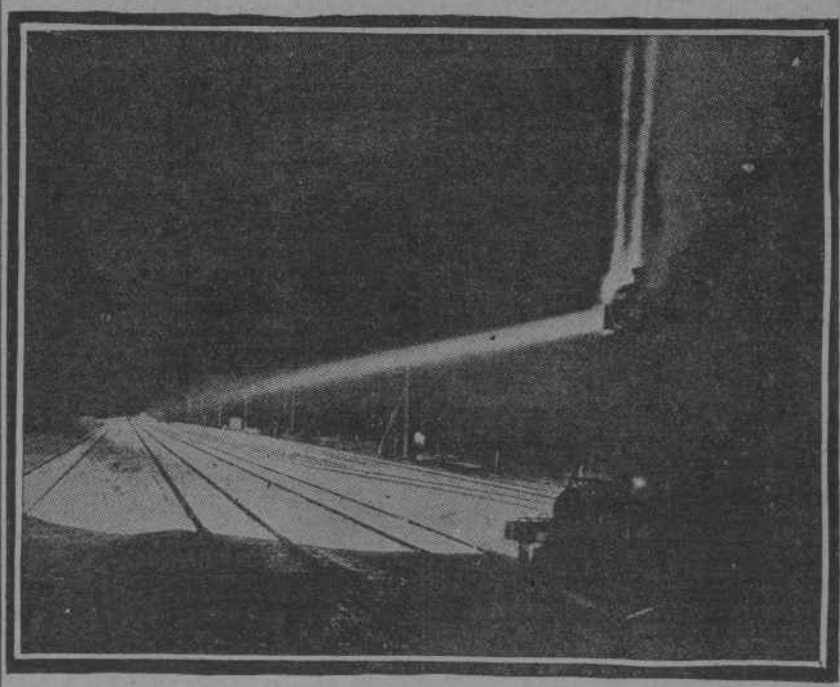


This Week's Five Dollar Prize Winner.

MESSRS. ANDERSON AND CHANSLOR, grocers in a Southern California town, owned a handsome Maltese cat named "Mrs. Muggins." She was a good rat catcher and kept the store free from the destructive rodents. Some time ago a market near the grocery store was being cleaned out and a litter of ten little rats was found.

The men who found them carried the litter over to the grocery, where "Mrs. Muggins" was about to become a mother. They turned the rats out on the floor, expecting to see "Mrs. Muggins" devour them. But, to their surprise, after looking them over for a time, she began to lick them. Then she lifted them by the nape of the neck, and carrying them away to a quiet corner, fed them. After nursing them for three days her own kittens were born, and then she devoted her attention to them.

NEW ELECTRIC HEADLIGHT.

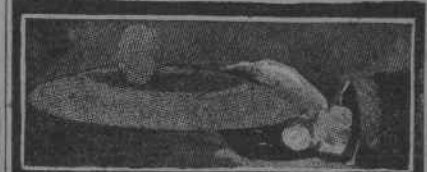


The accompanying picture is shown a new electric headlight for railway engines, which in addition to sending a powerful ray along the tracks in front of the engine also projects a powerful vertical beam. Indeed, the latter causes such an illumination that it is possible not only

to detect the presence of an engine but also in many cases to follow its path and determine which way it is heading. An engine driver is by this means placed in touch with the movements of other trains in his vicinity and is enabled to detect their presence.

BALANCING AN EGG.

ALL the world knows how Columbus on a historic occasion made an egg stand on end. After many learned theories had been advanced for balancing the egg he set the egg on end by, of course, mashing down hard enough to form a base; but the problem is capable



of still another solution. It is an easy matter to set an egg on a plate, for instance, if you know how. The trick is impossible until the egg has been boiled in an upright position. The position of the hardened yolk at the end of the shell lowers the centre of gravity until the sphere can be spun, or even balanced, with ease.

A WONDERFUL CARPET.

IN the ethnographic museum of Rotterdam may now be seen a beautiful carpet which the Shah of Persia recently presented to Queen Wilhelmina as a souvenir of his visit to Holland some months ago.

Woven into the carpet is the following inscription in Persian:—"Presented by His Majesty Mozaffar-ed-Din, Shah, Emperor of Persia, to Her Majesty Wilhelmina, Queen of Holland. In the year of the Hedjira 1320.

The carpet measures sixty-six square yards, and in each square yard there are 550,000 stitches.

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A houseboat hotel is about to be opened at Abbazia, on the Adriatic, with accommodation for 100 guests.